

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Mr. Wells, age 97, died quietly at his home in Bloomington, Indiana, on March 18, 2000;

Whereas, Mr. Wells was born and spent his childhood years in Jamestown, Indiana, before moving to Lebanon, Indiana, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his high school class;

Whereas, Mr. Wells attended the University of Illinois for one year before transferring to Indiana University (IU) in 1921 where he earned a degree in business administration and participated in a number of campus activities including membership in the IU band and leadership of Sigma Nu fraternity;

Whereas, in 1927, Mr. Wells was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Economics, and in 1935 was appointed Professor of Economics at IU, which led to what would become a lifelong career in academia;

Whereas, Mr. Wells' long and distinguished career at IU includes the following positions: Dean at the IU School of Business Administration, Professor of Business Administration; Chairman of the Board for the IU Student Foundation; Acting President of IU;

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and President and Chancellor of IU, Bloomington;

Whereas, Mr. Wells brought European influence to southern Indiana by attracting scholars such as Noble Prize-winner, Hermann J. Muller; landmark geneticist, Tracy M. Sonneborn; and pioneer in heart surgery, Dr. Harris B. Shumacker Jr.;

Whereas, Mr. Wells has received numerous accolades and awards during his lifetime, including: appointment to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, named one of "America's Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1939" by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, awarded the Excellence in Education Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sons of the American Revolution, appointed six times as a Sagamore of the Wabash designee by six Hoosier governors, and many, many others; and

Whereas, according to current IU President, Myles Brand, "Among other things, Mr. Wells passed on to his successors a first-class faculty, a world-renowned School of Music, outstanding international programs, and a steadfast commitment to research excellence and academic freedom": Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the General Assembly hereby expresses its great
2 sadness over the loss of a wonderful man who dedicated the
3 majority of his life to academia at Indiana University in
4 Bloomington, Indiana.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Senate transmit five
6 copies of this resolution to IU President, Myles Brand, and three
7 copies to IU President of the Board of Trustees, John Walda.

